REMARKS

I.   Introduction

In response to the Office action dated December 31, 2008, claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-11, 13-17, 19-20 and 22-26 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II.   Statutory Subject Matter Rejections

On page (2) of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 13-17, 19, 20 and 22-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

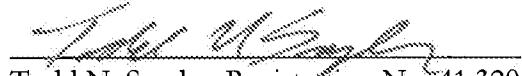Applicants' attorney has amended claims 1, 10 and 19 to overcome these rejections.

However, should issues still remain in this regard, Applicants' attorney requests that the Examiner indicate how the rejection can be overcome and how problems may be resolved, in accordance with the directives of the Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility, as set forth in Section II of M.P.E.P. §2106 at 2100-5. Applicants' attorney also requests that the Examiner identify features of the invention that would render the claimed subject matter statutory if recited in the claim, in accordance with the Interim Guidelines, as set forth in Section IV.B of M.P.E.P. §2106 at 2100-10.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. In addition, please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc., the assignee of the present application.

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